Argument in Favor of Measure E

Reform and Strengthen Oversight of Police Department – Vote Yes on E

It's time Long Beach strengthens oversight of the Police Department by ensuring we have an independent and stronger review of police, and a more responsive model for community input.

Measure \underline{E} strengthens the commission and City's ability to respond to issues by updating the model currently used. Measure \underline{E} will:

- Create an Independent Police Oversight Director Position Reporting Directly to the City Council
- Create a Police Oversight Commission to Work in Tandem with the Director

The new Director will be hired and fired directly by the City Council ensuring this new position is as close and responsive to the vote of the people as possible. The Director will have the power to:

- Be on scene at critical incidents, such as officer-involved shootings, to directly observe investigations;
- Have broad access to police records, data and personnel and all Internal Affairs documents related to complaint investigations originated by community allegations or internally initiated complaints;
- Ability to make recommendations to the City Council on Police Department policies, training or operations to address any deficiencies;
- Audit any and all Internal Affairs investigations for thoroughness, timeliness and quality;
- Address systemic issues and analyze patterns and trends in policing, making recommendations for improvement or response to community concerns.

The new Police Oversight Commission will:

- Review and approve recommendations from the Police Oversight Director to be forwarded directly to City Council;
- Work to educate and engage the community and get input about policing concerns;
- Receive briefings from the Police Department and Oversight Director on high-profile incidents.

The old model does not give oversight the ability to be on scene at critical incidents or have access to all Internal Affairs complaint investigations.

PLEASE **<u>VOTE YES</u>** ON **<u>MEASURE E</u>** to strengthen police oversight.